

In more specific terms our programmes

- Encourage children to be critical and creative thinkers and problem solvers
- Encourage self-management and goal setting within a supportive school environment
- Encourage children to work towards personal bests
- Emphasise the importance of basic skills (especially in Mathematics and English)
- Encourage the active involvement of parents in their children's learning
- Offer specialist teaching in a number of learning areas
- Offer opportunities to develop skills in areas of personal interest.

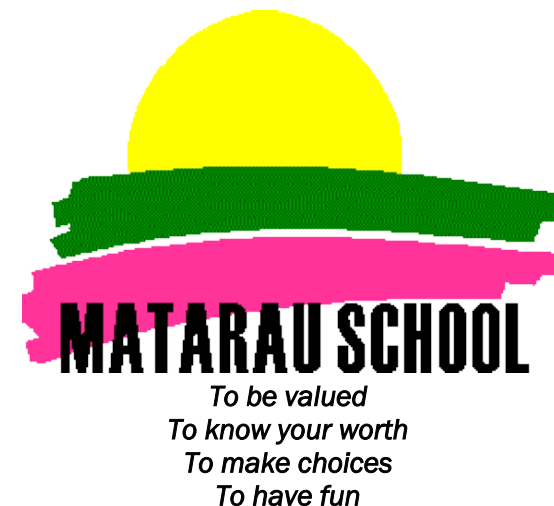


We also provide...

- A Reading Recovery Programme
- One to one instruction for children with learning difficulties
- Specialist withdrawal programmes
- Accelerated and differential learning programmes
- Calf club and home garden programmes
- Participation in interschool sports and academic competitions
- A school dramatic production & choir in alternate years
- Camps and field studies as part of our outdoor education programme
- A venue for private music tuition
- A values education programme

*If you would like to join our school family please
contact the school directly on*

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Matarau School is a progressive rural school
providing a quality education for
approximately 200 children from Years 1 to 8.

Our location only 7 minutes from Kamo
enables us to combine the best of both a rural
and urban education.

We have a proud history of success in a wide
range of educational domains and a high level
of community involvement and good will.



In more specific terms ...

We are committed to providing a balanced education (which incorporates both basic skills and opportunities for extension in areas of personal ability and interest.). We work hard to insure this occurs in an environment in which children feel safe and where every individual child is valued for their unique disposition and talents.



The Board is committed to...

- Maintaining the special rural character of the school
- Ensuring the centrality of literacy and numeracy
- To keeping class numbers as low as possible (target under 25 per class)
- Ensuring computer and technologies are both current and integral to learning
- Ensuring that educational programmes are appropriately resourced



Physical Resources

- 9 well resourced classrooms
- Resource and specialist teaching areas
- A music/video room
- A specialist art room
- A modern well stocked library
- Computerised library issues and search systems
- 2 (or) 3 modern computers in each classroom with high quality educational software
- Specialist computer suite
- Internet access to all classrooms
- Well developed outdoor recreation facilities including full sized sports field, adventure playground, fitness circuit, sandpit area, basketball court and tennis courts
- Swimming pool
- School hall/gymnasium



Educational Philosophy

The following principles underpin our programmes...

1. *The belief that a positive attitude is the key to success in all that we do.*
2. *That education should have, as its primary aim, independent, self managed learners who take responsibility for their learning and behaviour.*
3. *That education is both an end in itself and a preparation for life beyond school.*
4. *That values instruction is integral to school life.*
5. *That learning is enhanced when there is a partnership between home and school.*

